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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

As the resident of a small town, I'm fortunate to have options for Internet service beyond my telephone company and cable company. I've been a customer of Sonic.net since 1993 and a DSL subscriber since it was available in my area. I love Sonic.net because of their extraordinary customer services and respect for my privacy rights.

If you choose to eliminate unbundled copper access to local providers like Sonic.net and Pacific.net that serve our small town, we'll once again be at the mercy of AT&T and Comcast. There will be zero competitive pressure on prices and we'll have to pay whatever the remaining options demand.

As a K-12 district administrator, former school board member, and parent, Internet access is essential to providing our students with the knowledge and skills they need to be successful in the 21st century. Competitive providers ensure that schools can afford to purchase the services they need.

I telecommuted for about 13 years of my career which allowed me to live in my beautiful small town. Competitive carriers like Sonic.net made that possible.

Sincerely,

David Johnston